

Pursuing Opportunities at JPL

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Agenda

- Overview of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- Business Development Techniques
- Identifying Opportunities
- Proposal Reminders



Institutional Background





How JPL Fits into the NASA Family

- One of ten NASA Centers
- Operating Division of Caltech
- Lead Center for robotic exploration of the Solar System
- Business base of \$1.5B with contracts issued for approximately \$800M



NASA Centers

Aeronautics

Dryden Flight Research Center Glenn Research Center Kennedy Space Center Langley Research Center

Lancaster, CA Cleveland, OH Orlando, FL Hampton, VA

Exploration

Johnson Space Center Marshall Space Flight Center Stennis Space Center

Houston, TX Huntsville, AL Stennis, MS



NASA Centers

Science

Ames Research Center
Goddard Space Flight Center
Jet Propulsion Laboratory

Moffet Field, CA Greenbelt, MD Pasadena, CA

Headquarters

Washington, DC

Jet Propulsion Laboratory California Institute of Technology

Seventeen spacecraft and five instruments across the solar system (and beyond).





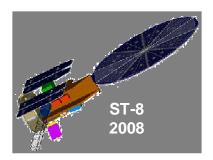
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Looking ahead: Missions under development

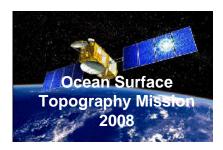








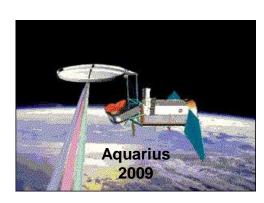


















JPL's Organizational Structure

- Matrix organization with Engineering Organization supporting Programs and Projects
- Majority of personnel reside in "Engineering Organization" working in disciplines ranging software development to mechanical fabrication
- Complete complement of support organizations including Acquisition



JPL Acquisition Division

- Responsible for all subcontract and purchase order commitments
- Responsibilities divided among
 - Commodity Purchasing
 - Service and Institutional Support Subcontracts
 - Flight, Project & Program Subcontracts
 - University Subcontracts
 - Acquisition Planning & Compliance
 - Business Opportunities Office
 - Project Acquisition Management
- http://acquisition.jpl.nasa.gov/default.htm



What Does JPL Buy?

- Commodities of all types
- Computer hardware, software, and IT systems
- Test equipment and tools
- Chemicals and lab supplies
- Building supplies
- Services
- Consultants
- Science Investigations



What Does JPL Buy? (Cont.)

- Subcontracted support services
- Construction and facilities management
- Technology and application programs
- Research and development studies
- Instruments
- Spacecraft systems



Business Development Techniques

- Register in appropriate databases
 - Remember the SBA Pro-Net is integrated now with the Central Contractor Registration database
- Do your research
 - Review company websites for opportunities
- Join trade associations
- Utilize SBA Resources and Programs
- Contact Business Opportunity Offices
- Request to be on source lists
- Keep attending networking functions



Marketing to Primes

- Do your homework
 - Know what the Prime contractors do
 - What products or services do they need?
 - Determine how you can specifically support them
 - Do they have subcontractors in place that you could sub to?
- Market to your capabilities
- Promote your small business status



Large Prime Subcontracting Plans

- Government requires small business subcontracting plans for subcontracts in excess of \$550,000 for goods/services or \$1,000,000 for construction
- Plans identify products and/or services to be subcontracted and type of business used
- Keep in contact with large primes to help satisfy this requirement



Identification of Opportunities

- NASA Acquisition Internet System (NAIS) (<u>http://procurement.nasa.gov</u>)
 - Provides insight into NASA Center Procurement Activity
 - NASA Acquisition Forecast
 - Business Opportunities
 - Links to other procurement sites such as:
 - FedBizOpps
 - SBA
 - Acquisition Central



JPL Specific Websites

- JPL Home Page
 - http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/
- JPL Acquisition Division
 - http://www.acquisition.jpl.nasa.gov/default.htm
- JPL Business Opportunities Office
 - http://acquisition.jpl.nasa.gov/boo
- JPL Terms and Conditions
 - http://acquisition.jpl.nasa.gov/e2000.htm



Sample JPL Requirements

- Mechanical Engineering Support Services
 - See FedBizOpps website
- Power Transmission Assessment Study for Lunar Surface Exploration Mission
 - See NAIS website
- Ground Data Systems development to support deep space missions
 - See NAIS website



Proposal Reminders

- Address all mandatory qualification criteria
- Meet all solicitation requirements
 - Closing date and time
 - Number of copies
 - Adhere to format requests
 - Include all requested items/forms
 - Address all solicitation requirements (management, technical, cost, past performance)
- Don't take direction from those without authority



Responsibility Issues

- Have a satisfactory past performance record
- Have the necessary capabilities, experience and skill
- Have adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain them
- Have the infrastructure to perform the job
- Once you win the job make sure you are on the same page as the Procurement Officer
- Keep in touch with the Procurement Officer



Thank You!

Questions - Comments